




Tracking Number : EPA-R8-2015-009766

Submitted Date : 08/11/2015

 Requester : AnneClaire Stapleton

Perfected Date : 08/11/2015

Organization : CNN

Last Assigned Date : 08/11/2015

Requester Has Account : Yes

Fee Limit : \$300.00

Email Address :

Request Track : Complex

NationaldeskFOIA@CNN.com

Due Date : 09/09/2015

Phone Number : 404-827-1511

Assigned To : Enforcement, Compliance  
and Environmental Justice

Fax Number : N/A

Last Assigned By : Alan Engels (Region 8)

Address : 1 cnn center

City : atlanta

State/Province : GA

Zip Code/Postal Code : 30303

## Submission Details

## Request Handling

Requester Info Available to Yes  
the Public :

Request Perfected : Yes

Request Track : Complex

Perfected Date : 08/11/2015

Fee Category : Media/Educational

Acknowledgement Sent Date:

Fee Waiver Requested: No

Unusual Circumstances ? : No

Fee Waiver Status: N/A

5 Day Notifications: No

Expedited Processing Yes

Litigation : No

Requested :

Expedited Processing Status : Pending Decision

## Request Description

Short Description : N/A

Re: FOIA Request

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CNN agrees to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$300. Please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

If CNN's request is denied in whole or part, we ask that you justify all deletions by reference to the specific exemptions of the Act. CNN will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. CNN reserves the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information.

If you have questions regarding this request, please contact me as soon as possible by email NatDeskFOIA@CNN.com

and phone 404-827-1511.

As I have made this request in the capacity as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your expediting the consideration of this request in every way possible. In any event, I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the Act requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

AnneClaire Stapleton

CNN News Editor

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cc:

Drew Shenkman, Counsel, CNN

Johnita P. Due, Assistant General Counsel, CNN

Description Available to the Yes  
Public :

Has Description Been No  
Modified?

0/2000

## Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the No  
Public :

At tached File	Type	Size (MB)	Remove
<i>EPA FOIA Request- Employee Communications After Spill.docx</i>	Microsoft Word	0.01	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Case File

Direct URL : <http://localhost:8080/foia/action/public/view/request/8086871e>

## Case Details

Type of Case : FOIA  
Fiscal Year : 2015  
Total Days Pending : 0

Received Date : 08/11/2015  
Clock Initially Started On : 08/11/2015

Case Responsive Records

No records have been uploaded.

**Consultations**

No consultations have been added.

## Correspondence to Requester

One item found.

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Subject	From	To	Date	Detail	Remove
FOIA Request EPA-R8-2015-009766 Submitted	System	AnneClaire Stapleton	08/11/2015		<input type="checkbox"/>

This message is to confirm your request submission to the FOIAonline application: [View Request](#). Request information is as follows:

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## Other Correspondence

No correspondence has been added.

**Appeals**

No appeals have been filed.

Invoice

Total Amount Billed Which Has Been Sent To Requester: \$0.00  
Invoice will not be stored until close out process has begun.

Payments

Total Amount Owed: \$0.00  
  
No payments to display.

**Restricted Materials**

No restricted materials have been added.



Admin Costs

Entries	
No entries have been added.	

## Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Assigned To	Assigned By	Date Sent	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Detail
Pending	R6	Alan Engels	08/11/2015	08/28/2015			
<i>Description</i> : Please provide Region 8 responses. OCPI and ORC in Region 8 will provide input to final response. <i>Comments</i> : N/A							
Pending	OCPI	Alan Engels	08/11/2015	08/28/2015			
<i>Description</i> : Please provide Region 8 responses. OCPI and ORC in Region 8 will provide input to final response. <i>Comments</i> : N/A							
Pending	Michael Boydston	Alan Engels	08/11/2015	08/28/2015			
<i>Description</i> : Please provide Region 8 responses. OCPI and ORC in Region 8 will provide input to final response. <i>Comments</i> : N/A							
Pending	HQ	Alan Engels	08/11/2015	08/28/2015			
<i>Description</i> : Please provide Region 8 responses. OCPI and ORC in Region 8 will provide input to final response. <i>Comments</i> : N/A							
Pending	R9	Alan Engels	08/11/2015	08/28/2015			
<i>Description</i> : Please provide Region 8 responses. OCPI and ORC in Region 8 will provide input to final response. <i>Comments</i> : N/A							
Pending	HQ	Alan Engels	08/11/2015	08/21/2015			
<i>Description</i> : Expedited Processing Task <i>Comments</i> : The information received will help CNN inform the public about potential government activity related to the spill and its environmental impact and other consequences to the public.							

**Comments (0)**

No comments have been added.

Assigned Reviewers

No reviewers have been assigned.